

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON
AT SEATTLE

AMAZON.COM, INC., a Delaware
corporation; AMAZON.COM SERVICES
LLC, a Delaware limited liability company;
and AMAZON TECHNOLOGIES INC,
INC., a Nevada corporation,

Plaintiffs,

v.

VINH HOANG LY, an individual; VHL
DISTRIBUTION, LLC, a Pennsylvania
limited liability company; LY ECOM
FREEDOM LLC, a Pennsylvania limited
liability company; and DOES 1-10, d/b/a
"ungatingamazon.com" and
"theungatingwizard.com",

Defendants.

CASE NO. 2:23-cv-01061-TL

(SEALED)

ORDER

This matter is before the Court on Plaintiffs' Status Update (Dkt. No. 13). On July 31, 2023, the Court granted Plaintiffs' motion to seal this matter on a temporary basis. *See* Dkt. No. 8 (sealed). The Court noted that it would "re-examine the sealing of this action periodically"

1 and directed Plaintiffs to file a status report within three months “advising the Court of the status
2 of the ongoing criminal investigation and whether compelling reasons exist to continue sealing
3 the case.” *Id.* at 4–5.

4 In their Status Update filed on October 31, 2023, Plaintiffs state that they have
5 communicated with the United States Attorney’s Office for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania
6 and the United States Postal Inspection Service about this matter. *See* Dkt. No. 13 at 2. They
7 confirm that “the government’s investigation into Defendants remains active and ongoing” and
8 that it is their understanding that “unsealing the case at this time could risk compromising the
9 investigation into defendants.” *Id.* at 3. Plaintiffs request that the matter remain under seal for an
10 additional 120 days, by the end of which they will provide a status update or request unsealing if
11 the government takes overt steps in the investigation or files charges. *See id.*

12 The Court finds that the ongoing criminal investigation continues to provide compelling
13 reasons to keep this matter temporarily under seal. *See Kamakana v. City & Cnty. of Honolulu*,
14 447 F.3d 1172, 1178 (9th Cir. 2006). Accordingly, this matter SHALL remain sealed for an
15 additional **one hundred twenty (120) days**. Plaintiffs SHALL file a status update on or before the
16 end of that period. If the government takes overt steps in the investigation or files charges,
17 Plaintiffs SHALL promptly file a request for unsealing.

18 Dated this 1st day of November 2023.

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22 United States District Judge
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